

# St. William Parish

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December 29, 2019 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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## CELEBRATING TOGETHER



### Parish Ministries

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

### Celebrating the Sacraments:

**Baptism:** Call Parish Office to make arrangements.

**First Eucharist:** Celebrated in the 2nd grade with parents and children participating in preparation program.

**Confirmation:** Celebrated with the Bishop biannually for 8th graders (or older) who have attended preparation classes.

**Reconciliation:** Celebrated Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office to inform us of anyone who is sick (at home or in the hospital) for visitation and anointing.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

**Holy Orders:** For information on religious life, contact Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

### Christian Formation and Education

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Sunday Mornings  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### Adult and Teen Enrichment Programs:

Offered periodically throughout the year.  
Consult the weekly bulletin.

#### John F. Kennedy Catholic School

[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

#### Lower Campus—Grades K-5

330-372-2375

#### Upper Campus—Grades 6-12

330-369-1804

#### Hall Rental/Catering:

Contact the Parish Office for details.

#### Catholic Charities Regional Agency:

Trumbull County 330-393-4254

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office *or emailed to* drobinson@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

#### Visit our website at

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)



### CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Winter - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Communion Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.



Our Christmas season unfolds in our midst as we rejoice at the glorious coming of our Lord and Savior into our world. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is very appropriate that the Church observes this feast on the first Sunday after the biggest family day of the year. Today, Matthew's gospel account continues to focus on the actions of Joseph in the birth, infancy, and childhood of Jesus. Last Sunday, we heard how Joseph was visited in a dream by the angel of the Lord urging him to accept Mary and the child she carried by the Holy Spirit into his home. Joseph listened to God's commandments, spoken to him in dreams, and acted. Today we get a glimpse into Jesus' childhood in which he is not the main actor. Instead, it is up to Joseph and his mother, Mary, to make decisions about his life and protect him. Joseph's unquestioning trust in God, even through uncertainty and fear, leads to the safety and security of Jesus and his mother. Oftentimes we might think of the Holy Family as an isolated unit of three, sufficient unto themselves, and yet, as we see, this family wasn't without their trials and tribulations. This family having issues, gives us hope for ourselves and our own family situations. On this special day, and as members of God's family, let us continue to pray for our families that they may be a source of peace and comfort for us always.

It goes without saying that many "thanks" need to be expressed to all who helped, planned, participated, and made so joyful and beautiful our Christmas celebrations this past week. Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund, to all liturgical ministers, to our music ministry, to our parish liturgy committee and to all who assisted in any way to bring our celebrations together. I would also like to offer my sincerest and grateful thanks to you for making Christmas at Saint William Parish such a wonderful time. My thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes to me and the staff during this holiday season and to all of you who continue to so generously give and support the parish and our many activities through your time, talent and treasure.

May the upcoming New Year be filled with many blessings for you and your family and may it be a time of great joy and happiness for you and our parish!

*Happy New Year! Father Balash*



~ December 29, 2019 - January 5, 2020 ~  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**DECEMBER 29, 2019**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MR. & MRS. FELIX Y'BARBO**/Helen Snyder  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **REV. MICHAEL SMAR**/ Fordeley Family  
11:00 a.m. † **NANCY CIMBANIN**/ Dolores Gourley,  
Arlene Johnson, Florence Maxwell

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 5:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**  
Wed 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **NO MASS**  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MICHAEL SAWAYDA** / John & Barbara Weaver

**JANUARY 5, 2020**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GEORGE SCHUSTER**/ Kochunas Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD HUDAK**/ Penny Hudak  
11:00 a.m. † **HELEN SPANO**/ Ron & Pat Augustinsky

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 22, 2019 (WK 25)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,580.15*	\$ 180,938.78*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 177,500.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (519.85)	\$ 3,438.78
<b>Performance</b>	93%	102%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$521.70 LAST WK — \$16,339.89 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 187 out of 550  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$27.00 (9 out of 62)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

~ January 5, 2020 ~

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Andrea Kochunas  
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Gina Swiger  
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Kaylynn Abbey, Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Frank DePascale, Sophia Garito  
11:00 a.m. Cathy McCauley, Scott Mintus

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Ellie Gates, Penny Hudak,  
Pam Kuebler, Gloria Mintus, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. Roy Mercandino, Patty Heib, Marcia Kane,  
Regina Speaker, Janice Ventling, Bob Mintus



~ December 31, 2019/January 1, 2020 ~  
New Year

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Andrea Kochunas  
10:00 a.m. Deanna Barco, Bob Kane

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Therese Tuttle  
10:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger, John Barco

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Penny Hudak, Pam Kuebler,  
Mo Thuman  
10:00 a.m. Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Dave Lucanski,  
Janice Ventling

### **Christmas Ca\$h Grand Prize Winner:**

Congratulations to Janet Mercandino who was the Grand Prize Winner of \$500.00 in our Christmas Cash Raffle. Congratulations to all our winners and to all who bought tickets for this year's raffle. *Thank you for your support!*

### **PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday – Thursday, December 31 – January 2 for the New Year holiday. Regular hours will resume on Friday, January 3, this coming week.



### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

Feast of the Holy Family “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it is important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Next Sunday  
after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



### **2019 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please note, this weekend is the last opportunity to make a contribution to the church for the 2019 tax year. All contributions made after this weekend will be credited to the 2020 tax year.

### **FISH DINNER NEWS!**

~Fish Dinners begin on Friday, February 21 and continue to Friday, April 3, 2020.

~The Annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is Thursday February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

~Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list!



### **THE PARISH CALENDAR**

DEC 31 ~ Office Closed

DEC 31 ~ New Year Mass 5:00 p.m.

JAN 1 ~ New Year Mass 10:00 a.m.

JAN 1 ~ Office Closed

JAN 2 ~ Office Closed

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Parish Appreciation Event**

#### **“St. William Derby Night At the Races”**

**Saturday ~ February 1, 2020**

Our Annual Parish Appreciation Event will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and effort during the past year. Join us for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening! *It's “Derby Night” at Saint William!!!* This year's event features “cashless” horse racing, a delicious soup and salad grand buffet, great prizes, and maybe some Mint Julips! You might even become a thoroughbred owner and be in the race to the finish line!! Mark your calendars now to experience this “cashless” *St. William Derby Night at the Races!* *Derby Dress (and Hats!) Welcomed!!*



**Reservation coupons and sign-up sheets will be coming soon**

*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*

**[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)**

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

**~ January 5, 2020 ~**

#### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6**

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth ...*

**Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6**

*Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit ...*

**Mathew 2: 1-12**

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived ...*

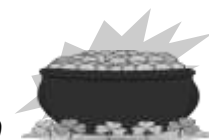
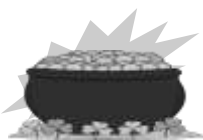
### **“Pot - of - Gold”**

***Envelope number drawn, Wednesday, December 25, was #108***

***There was no winner! The winner would have received \$188.00***


Drawings take place every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who receives Church envelopes is eligible to win IF YOU PARTICIPATE. If your envelope number is drawn and you participated... YOU WIN the Pot-of-Gold!

**GOOD LUCK!!**





## NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME!!!

 With the start of the New Year why not make your weekly contribution to the parish easy and convenient! Sign up for *myEoffering* today and simplify your weekly contribution. Electronic giving is safe, secure and easy! Information can be found on the parish website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org). Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your

## COLD AND FLU SEASON REMINDERS

During the cold and flu season, please remember the following helpful and healthy reminders:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze (or cough/sneeze into your elbow) and discard the tissue when finished. Please do not leave it on the chairs, in the hymnal slots, or on the floor of the Church.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

## SIGN OF PEACE

• Please do not be offended if someone chooses not to shake your hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and are present for Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "*Peace of Christ be with you,*" to avoid bodily contact or, one might wave slightly to the person.



## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

• While it is the teaching of the Church that the fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ is contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the host that is distributed at Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive Holy Communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling ill, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving under the form of the Blood of Christ until you are returned to good health.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Remember to Save Pop Tabs

Continue to save pop tabs for the seventh and eighth graders' service project. The pop tabs may be placed in the container in the vestibule.

*Thank you for supporting this service project.*

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting

January 8, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



## PARISH APP

### Stop missing out on Parish News and Updates!

Sign up today for Our Parish APP and stop missing out on news, updates, reminders **and weather cancelations!** It's easy and convenient and it keeps you in touch and up-to-date on parish happenings, events and news! Text APP to **88202** to download **myParish APP** and select our parish. Visit our website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org) for easy instructions or call the Parish Office.



## SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS

**Hospital and Nursing Home Stays** — Because of Patient Privacy Laws, hospitals and nursing homes no longer call when a parishioner has been admitted unless **you specifically request notification at the time of admission.** Therefore, if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please have someone in your family call the parish office so a visit can be arranged. *If you wish your name published in the bulletin as recently hospitalized you must also let us know.*

**Anointing of the Sick** — If you are anticipating surgery or a hospital stay remember to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick any time after Mass. Please contact Fr. Balash to receive the sacrament.

**Receiving Communion While Recovering** — If you or a family member become homebound, even if only for a short recovery time, please call the parish office so arrangements can be made for visitation and reception of Holy Communion.

***Please do not assume we are aware of your health circumstances... to insure that we can minister to you and family members remember to call the parish office.***



***Come pray the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Adult Meeting Room.***

## New Year's Tuesday Dec. 31 / Wednesday Jan. 1

Tuesday Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Jan. 1 – New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

*\*Note: New Year's Day is a holy day of obligation.*

*Both New Year Masses will be held at Saint William this year.*

